(b) No, Sir. According to the report, India is amongst 64 countries with per capita income in the 1990s higher than before. India's average annual growth in real per capita income in the period 1980-83 was 3.1%. This is higher than the world average of 2.9% over that period.

(c) The Madhya Pradesh Government, on its own initiative and without any financial or technical assistance from the UNDP or any other International agency, prepared and published Madhya Pradesh Development Report 1995. The M.P. Government and UNDP are planning to hold a Workshop on the advantages of preparing State level Human Development Reports for the benefit of other States which may be interested in taking such an exercise.

(d) India is in the "low human development" category and is ranked 135th of the 174 countries.

(e) The Human Development report introduced new measure called the Capability Poverty Measure (CPM) and India ranks 89 out of 101 countries. The report also highlights that only 25% of the population is income poor" i.e. living below the poverty line. India ranks 103 out of 140 countries in the Gender Development Index (GDI). According to the report, there are also significant disparities amongst Indian States in basic female capabilities.

(f) and (g) According to a decision of Executive Board of UNDP (of which India is a Member) poverty alleviation and sustainable development are UNDP priorities. As this is the International Year of Eradication of Poverty, UNDP is launching programmes in several countries. UNDP and Government of India are currently planning a programme of assistance for Ninth Five Year Plan period. UNDP assistance will be utilised by India in areas where it is considered appropriate including programmes to help reduce poverty.

Illegal occupation of railway land

3255. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem that appeared in the "Hindustan Times" dated August 17, 1996 entitled "Vast Tract of railway land illegally occupied";

(b) if so, that steps being taken to protect the railway land and to recover the land now under illegal occupation; and

(c) how much of railway land remains unutilised and the steps proposed to put that land to profitable use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action is taken for removal of encroachments under the Provisions of Public Premises (Enviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 on a continuous basis.

(c) 24845 Hec. of Railway land is lying 'Unutilised' at present (and not 'utilised' as reported in the news item). This land is reserved for future development and expansion of the Railways.

मनोवैज्ञानिक रोगों से ग्रस्त व्यक्तियों हेतु रेलवे की रियायतें

3256. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मनोविकृतियों/मनोवैज्ञानिक रोगों से ग्रस्त व्यक्तियों को रियायतें दी जाती है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस प्रकार की रियायत वातानुकूलित द्वितीय श्रेणी में भी देने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) मानसिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्तियों को एक परिचर सहित, दूसरे दर्जे, शयनयान दर्जे, और पहले दर्जे के किरायों में 75% की छूट प्रदान की जाती है।

(ख) और (ग) मानसिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्ति तथा उनके परिचर, पहले दर्जे के रियायती किराए जमा इस दो दर्जों के वास्तविक किराए के अंतर का भुगतान करके वातानुकूल 2 टियर शयनयान दर्जे में यात्रा करने के पात्र हैं। इस रियायत को वातानुकूल 2 टियर दर्जे तक का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Flouting of Admission Rules By D.U. Colleges

3257. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that colleges under the University of Delhi have been found flouting admission rules, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 7th July, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to probe the cases against colleges which provided admission by flouting the rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of Bachelor's Hostels for Unmarried Employees

3258. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will take steps to construct bachelor's quarters or hostels for unmarried employees working in various cities, especially women;

(b) whether there is any scheme for giving grants for the construction of such quarters by charitable organisations who are willing to let it out for a nominal rent; and

(c) if so, what are the norms for slection of such persons or bodies and who will fix the tent?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) Construction of houses for allotment from General Pool to the eligible Central Government employees, both men and women, is taken up under the Central Plan Scheme of Contruction of General Pool Residential Accomodation. To provide hostel accomodation to working women in urban and rural areas there is a Central Sector Plan Scheme of 'Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day Care Centre for Children'. Under the Scheme, Voluntary Organisations/Public Trusts engaged in the field of women's welfare/Social welfare/women's education, Women's Development Corporations, Universities, Schools/Colleges of Social Work, Local Bodies, Cooperative Institutions and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are eligible for assistance. Eligibility conditions and other requirements are as laid down in the Scheme. The Scheme also provided that the organisation/institution will charge from the inmates of the Working Women's Hostels reasonable rent/licence fee not exceeding 15% of their total emoluments in the case of single bedrooms, 10% in case of double bedrooms and 7½% in case of dormitories.

Providing Pantry Cars in Vidarbha, Maharashtra and Gondwana Express trains

3259. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide Pantry Cars in Vidarbha, Maharashtra and Gondwana Express trains;

(b) if so, by when Pantry Cars will be provided in these trains;